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Photoresist Poisoning in  
Damascene Applications

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in conjunction with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/5620.C1/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.